## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 remain in this application. Claims 12-15 have been withdrawn.

In the Office action mailed November 27, 2007 the Examiner required restriction between Claims 1-11 (Group I), drawn to an incandescent lamp, and Claims 12-15 (Group II) drawn to a method of forming an incandescent lamp.

Responsive thereto, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, without traverse and without prejudice to, inter alia, Applicants' right to pursue the withdrawn claims, as well as further product-by-process and/or generic claims, in a divisional application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for consideration by the Examiner. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

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Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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